



Dexter Senior Voice

Greetings from Board President Jim Carson

Now that spring has arrived and warm weather is inspiring us to get out of the house, we are encouraged to hear that many friends and family have been able to get the first of their vaccine shots. Please see the bottom of this page for registration information if you still need to get yours.

Our newsletter has a new series called, "Meet the Board," so members can get to know the people who have volunteered to help the center continue to thrive. Thanks to Joanne Westman for her contribution this month!

We have been hard at work planning how to reopen safely and hope to begin a phased reopening this summer. We are looking forward to being able to gather again. Until that time, center programs are still on pause until it is safe to meet.

Tax Day has been Postponed to May 17th

Due to the pandemic, the usual deadline of April 15th for filing federal taxes has been pushed back until May 17th.

Covid-19 Vaccine Resources & Information

How to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine with the Washtenaw County Health Department: Register online at www.washtenaw.org/3337/Where-to-Get-the-COVID-19-Vaccine. You can also fill out this form online: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6254492/WCHDScheduling>

If you need assistance registering, call 734-544-6700.



There are over 2,500 benefits programs available nationwide.

Find out what benefits

may be available in your area from the National Council on Aging at benefitscheckup.org

You may qualify for tax relief, assistance with transportation, medication, food and nutrition, housing and utilities, veterans' benefits, and more.

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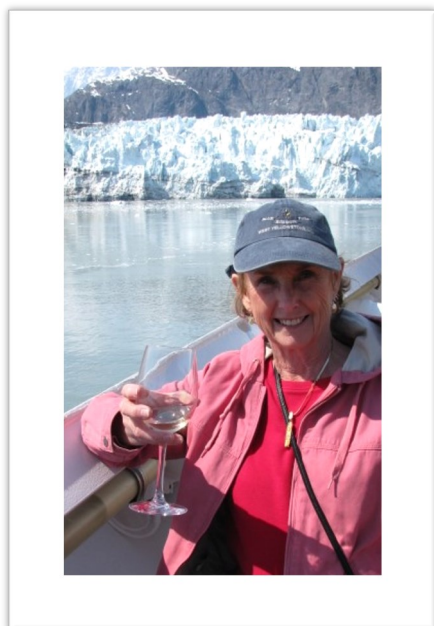
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Meals on Wheels

Please make reservations at least 48 hours in advance for Meals on Wheels deliveries.

If you need to cancel a meal, please do so within 24 hours or you will need to reimburse the center \$5.50 per meal.

Meet the Board



Born in the mountains of North Carolina, my early days there pretty much sum up how the rest of my life has been spent. A barefoot child, running around the natural world, transported me into my adult life with a love of gardening. The music heard there, the old hymns sung in that close mountain harmony stayed

with me into adulthood. The ties with family and church taught me to care for people.

My husband and I live on a family Christmas tree farm just outside of Dexter where we raised three children. I was employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for 35 years and concluded my service there as Operations Manager of Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse. ...caring for people. Music followed as a member of the U. of M. Festival Chorus, singing with famous orchestras, and joining in their several concert tours abroad. During this time sailing and scuba diving shipwrecks in the Great Lakes became my passion. However, as age nipped at my heels, I decided to put my energies into our large vegetable garden, sharing its bounty with Dexter Senior Center members when the squash and beans were simply too much.

It has been my joy to be a part of the Dexter Senior Center, participating as a board member, a member of the dulcimer group, and serving and sharing with all of you. Thus, starting out my life with gardening, music and caring for people has been the common thread running through the fabric of my life.

Joanne Westman

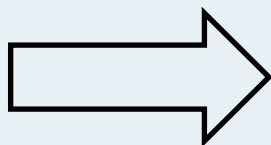
If you or a loved one is feeling overwhelmed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, get free, confidential support from a Michigan Stay Well counselor.

Dial 1-888-535-6136 and press “8”

The Stay Well counseling line is available 24/7.



**Free
Tax
Preparation
Assistance**



Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Accounting Aid Society 313-556-1920
AAP Foundation Tax-Aide 888-OUR-AARP (888-687-2277)
United Way Tax Clinic 734-971-8200 or 211
Aid in Milan 734-439-8420
Housing Bureau for Seniors/AARP 734-998-9339
Saline Area Senior Center 734-429-9274

IRS Scams

**If you get a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS:
Hang up, don't send them money or gift cards, report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at tigta.gov or to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint and let your family and friends know about IRS imposter calls.**

You may also call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

Protect Yourself
AVOID COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, here are signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access.
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.

✓ **Protect Yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources.**

! If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS | tips.hhs.gov
- FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI | ic3.gov
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE

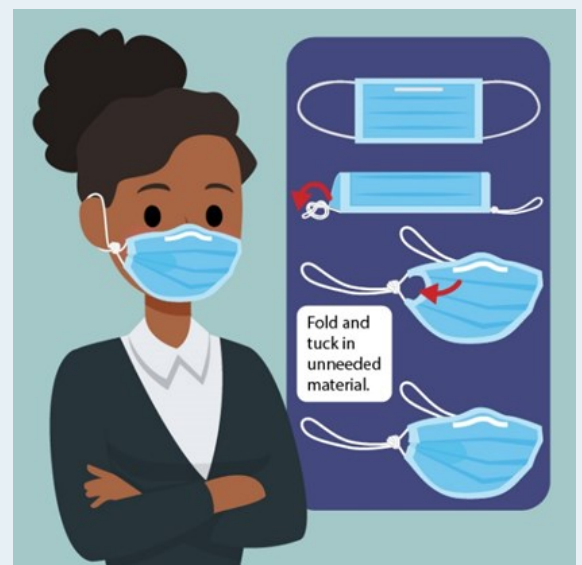
For accurate, up-to-date information about COVID-19, visit:
oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus
fbi.gov/coronavirus
justice.gov/coronavirus

Free KN95 masks!

Call the Dexter Senior Center at 734-426-7737 to request masks (limit of 2).

A special enrollment period is now open on the Health Insurance Marketplace! Sign up by **May 15**. Learn more at Michigan.gov/HealthInsurance or call 877-999-6442.

How to adjust a disposable mask to get a better fit



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Jensen’s Community Pharmacy

Dexter has a new pharmacy. They are located at 7067 Dexter Ann Arbor Road. Their phone number is 734-426-6210.

Visit our Website at dexterseniors.org

You can download membership forms from there as well as view our current menu. We also have an extensive resources page.

Dexter Senior Center Book & Puzzle Library

As most of you know, we have books and puzzles available to our members. You can call the center and place an “order” for either. Books and puzzles will be sanitized and delivered to your doorstep in a safe manner. Call us at 734-426-7737 to place an order.

50% of COVID-19 infections are spread by people **without symptoms.**



cdc.gov/coronavirus

Dexter Senior Center

7720 Ann Arbor Street
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Current hours

M-F 8:30am-1:30pm

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DexterSeniorCenter](https://www.facebook.com/DexterSeniorCenter)

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Inclement Weather Policy

Please note that Meals on Wheels friends should rely on their emergency shelf or frozen meals when inclement weather prevents safe deliveries.

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